



MIDAS # 0157
 POVERTY POND

POVERTY POND
(SILVER LAKE)
Newfield and Shapleigh Twps., York Co.
U.S.G.S. Newfield, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Golden shiner
Fallfish
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 166 acres

Maximum depth - 17 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 75°F

14 feet - 75°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, white perch, yellow perch, and chain pickerel

Water quality is considered very good for resident warmwater fisheries, but only poorly suited for coldwater fish. The pond does not thermally stratify in the summer, providing little coldwater habitat for trout. Competition and predation from existing populations of warmwater fish further diminish the opportunity to manage for coldwater fish. Although Poverty Pond is best managed for warmwater fisheries, brown trout have been stocked off and on since the late 1930's. Catchable-size brook trout have also been periodically stocked to provide a put-and-take spring fishery. These stocking programs met with very limited success, and were suspended in the year 2000 when the Town closed off the traditional public boat access site. There is a need to secure permanent public boat access to this pond.

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